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SUBJECT: NORTH SEA OIL: OFFSHORE OPERATORS' PROCUREMENT

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1. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY BENN ANNOUNCED TO PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 6 THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE COUNCIL OF UK OFFSHORE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (UKOOA) ON TEXTS OF TWO DOCUMENTS SETTING OUT PURCHASING PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN UK SECTOR OF NORTH SEA. BENN NOTED THAT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ASSOCIATED CODE OF PRACTICE SHOULD ENSURE THAT BRITISH INDUSTRY IS GIVEN A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR BUSINESS IN UK OFFSHORE MARKET.

2. RESPONDINE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ABOUT PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN UKOOA AND HIS DEPARTMENT'S OFFSHORE SUPPLIES  
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OFFICE, BENN SAID HE WAS PLEASED UKOOA COUNCIL HAS RECOM-

MENDED TO ALL (42) MEMBER COMPANIES THAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD NOW BE FORMALLY ACCEPTED. HE OBSERVED THAT AGREEMENT WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO ENSURE THAT BRITISH INDUSTRY PROVIDES ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS AN INCREASING SHARE OF THE DOMESTIC OFFSHORE MARKET.

3. ONLY CHANEE IN DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO EUR/NE IS AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH 6 OF MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH READS: "6. THIS MEMORANDUM SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY."

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